

January 8, 2020

INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN**NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETING
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to Section 16a-3a(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 3, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) initiated this proceeding to develop an Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) to assess (1) the energy and capacity requirements of customers for the next three, five and ten years, (2) the manner of how best to eliminate growth in electric demand, (3) how best to level electric demand in the state by reducing peak demand and shifting demand to off-peak periods, (4) the impact of current and projected environmental standards including, but not limited to, those related to greenhouse gas emissions and the federal Clean Air Act goals and how different resources could help achieve those standards and goals, (5) energy security and economic risks associated with potential energy resources, (6) the estimated lifetime cost and availability of potential energy resources, and (7) analyze pathways and recommend strategies for achieving a 100% zero carbon target for the electric sector by 2040.

In the revised scope of the 2018 IRP, issued on [October 15, 2019](#), DEEP provided a proposed outline that included a section for "Policy Assessment of Deregulation" (Section 2). The purpose of this section is to "assess Connecticut's experience in pursuing its environmental goals, and the original aims of Connecticut's electric sector deregulation statute in the current deregulated wholesale energy market." DEEP also specified that it would release a white paper, host a technical meeting, and accept written comments regarding Section 2 of the revised IRP scope.

Technical meeting: DEEP will hold a technical meeting on **January 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. EPT**, in Hearing Room 1 at DEEP's New Britain Office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the existing deregulated wholesale energy market, and its impacts on Connecticut's ratepayers and energy policies. This technical meeting will focus on the following key questions:

1. What is the long-run compatibility of deregulation of Connecticut's electric energy utilities and associated market rules, administered by ISO New England, Inc. and regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with Connecticut's public policies and goals?
2. Are there alternative market designs that would better-align with Connecticut's public policies and goals? If yes, what are the strengths and weaknesses of each alternative?

DEEP will release an agenda and a set of more detailed questions to prompt discussion prior to the technical meeting. These will be posted on [DEEP's Energy Filings webpage](#).

DEEP is also soliciting oral and written comments from stakeholders regarding these questions. In order to facilitate the meeting, you are encouraged to RSVP to Sonita Spencer at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov if you plan on attending and/or participating in the meeting. Please specify if you wish to present oral comments.

Written Comments: DEEP welcomes written comments on Section 2 of the revised 2018 IRP scope. Written comments may be filed electronically on [DEEP's website](#) or submitted directly to DEEP at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov on or before **February 5, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. EPT**. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to Sonita Spencer at (860)827-2653 and/or via e-mail at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov.

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